



**Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report**

Event Name	18-0022 September Severe Weather Incident
Date	September 14, 2018
Time	7:00 AM
Operational Period	September 13 - September 14, 2018
Report Number	3

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2, 3 and 6
DDCs Active	14, 17, 18, 20 and 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On September 12, 2018 Governor Greg Abbott ordered the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to further increase its readiness level to level II (escalated response conditions) beginning at 7:00 AM on Thursday, September 13, as a tropical disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico continues to move toward the Texas coast.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

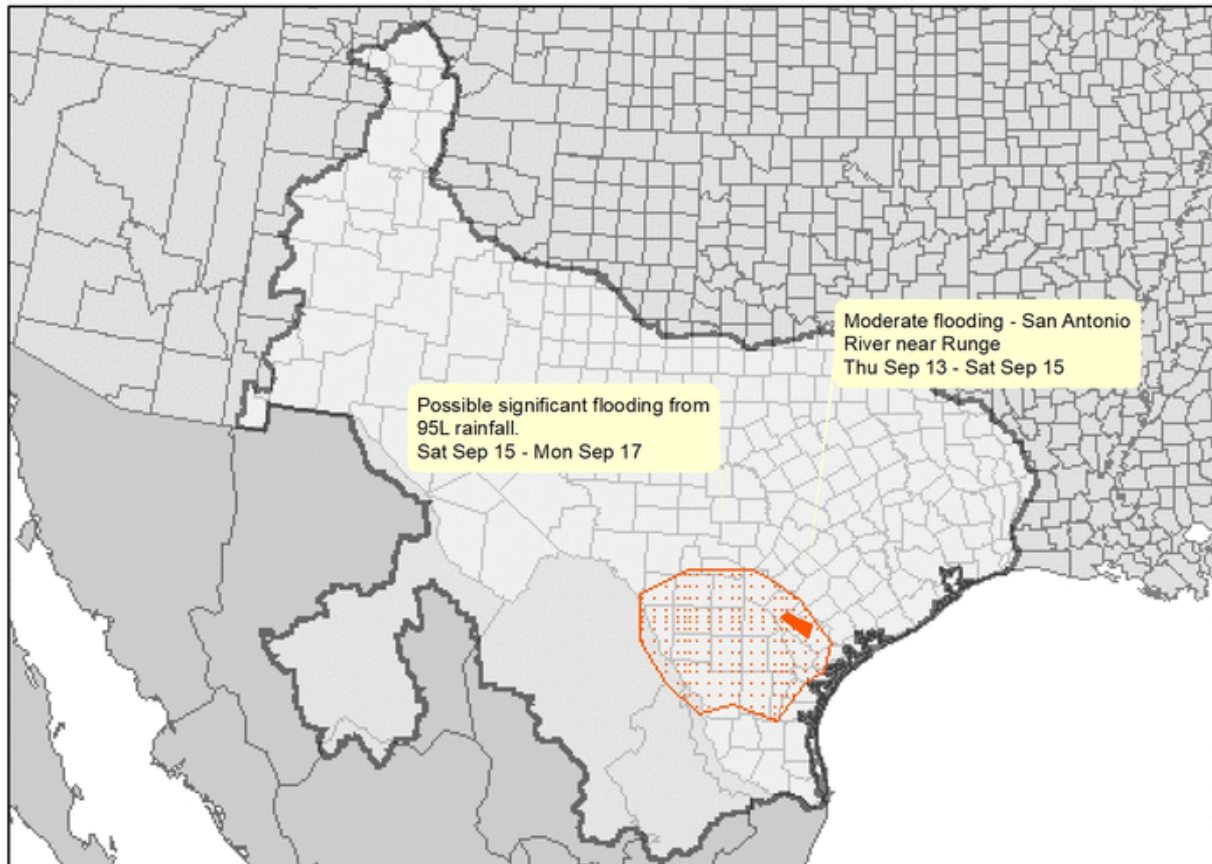
1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.



Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 9/13/2018 - 9/18/2018

West Gulf River Forecast Center 9/13/2018 10:57:43 AM



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER
FLOODING POSSIBLE.**



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER
FLOODING LIKELY.**



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER
FLOODING OCCURRING
OR IS IMMINENT.**

Significant River Flooding Impacts include:
Roads adversely affected. Residential,
commercial, industrial, and/or agricultural
areas affected. May require evacuation of people.

NOTE: Flash Flooding or Minor River Flooding
will NOT be included in this outlook.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties) – DDC 14 and the Jasper/Newton/Sabine Counties Combined EOC remain activated.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties) – The DDC has reduced their readiness to Readiness Level IV (Normal Conditions). Jefferson, and Orange Counties and City of Orange EOCs remain activated.

DDC 16 – Houston (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties) – The City of Seabrook EOC remains activated.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata, Counties) – The cities of Escobares and Roma continued to distribute sand bags to residents and businesses.

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties) – The DDC remains at Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of 8:00 AM September 12, 2018. Nueces County OEM and the Cities of Kingsville and Aransas Pass EOCs remain activated.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties) – The DDC increased its readiness level to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) and the City of Mission EOC remains activated. The City of Donna opened a community shelter at the Donna Recreation Center located at 307 Miller Road in anticipation of the impending weather. The Cities of Donna, Edinburg, Mission, Penitas, and Weslaco have submitted disaster declarations.

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties) – The DDC increased its readiness level to Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness).

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties) – The DDC remains at Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness).

DDC 18 – AARC/Bexar County (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen and Wilson Counties) – Increased their readiness level to Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness).

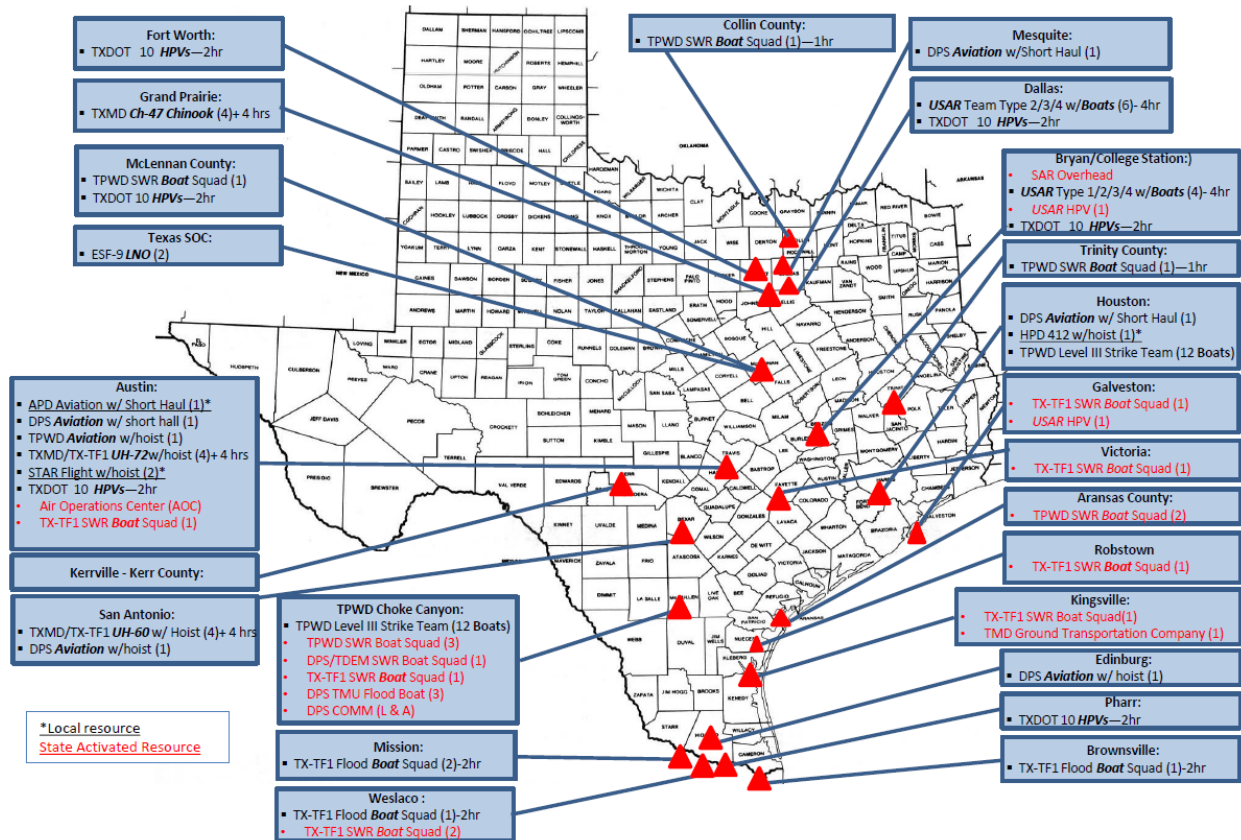
RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Office of the Attorney General of Texas (TXOAG) – Currently providing support in the SOC.

Public Utility Commission (PUC) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force – 1 (TX-TF1) – Emergency Support Function-9 (ESF-9) is currently staffing positions in the SOC. Moving SWR Boats to support local resource request as necessary.

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Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC, DDCs 16B, 17 and 21.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) – Currently staffing a position in the SOC. Regional/Field Staff are on-call in anticipation of needing to support the local jurisdictions.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

Texas Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) – Notified staff of weather event and has regions contacting caregivers in affected counties.

Texas Department of Housing and Community (TDHCA) - Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC. Activated one water barrier in Pharr. Five Debris Strike teams have been activated and staged

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in San Antonio. Monitoring roadways and assisting with traffic control on affected roadways as necessary. Processing two requests from United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for transportation of four water pumps from the City of Galveston to the City of Weslaco, and two mechanical sand bag machines from Galveston to Cameron County. Delivery is scheduled for today (9/14/2018).

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP) – THP is currently monitoring conditions in affected areas related to the potential for heavy rain and flooding. THP Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) personnel have been placed on stand-by and are staged at various locations around the state. The TMU Rescue Swimmers are prepared to deploy with DPS Aviation and the TMU swift water rescue teams are on stand-by with boats.

THP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) troopers conducted 20 bus inspections at four staging locations in preparation for the possible evacuation of citizens. One bus was placed out of service and had to be replaced.

Texas General Land Office (GLO) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) – HHSC SOC Liaisons and 211 Liaisons have been assigned to the SOC to support the state's activities.

HHSC Behavioral Health Services: (BHS) All Local Mental Health and Behavioral Health Authorities, contracted Substance Use Disorder facilities, Residential Treatment Centers, and Outreach Screening Assessment and Referral Centers remain operational at this time.

Disaster Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) personnel are activated and currently engaged in preparatory activities in anticipation of needing to support local jurisdictions:

HHSC Regulatory Services Division:

Long-term Care Regulatory (LTCR): No unmet needs at this time for long-term care providers, including nursing facilities and assisted living facilities. As in previous weather events, LTCR will continually reach out to providers as needed to monitor their status. Details regarding LTCR activities and communications with providers:

Health Care Quality (HCQ): No unmet needs at this time for providers, who include hospitals and dialysis centers. No activities to report.

Child Care Licensing (CCL): No unmet needs at this time for providers. CCL sent an mass email to all licensed operations on September 12, 2018, alerting them to possible storms. CCL also included details on what requirements operations have to follow if they are affected by the storms. CCL also sent the email to all CCL staff for awareness.

Complaint and Incident Intake (CII): No unmet needs at this time. No activities to report.

Provider Investigations (PI): No unmet needs at this time. No activities to report.

Health & Specialty Care Systems (HSCS): All coastal facilities have logistically prepared for sheltering in place, should there be a need, from weather associated with Disturbance #1. Facilities have filled vehicles, generators and fuel storage tanks. Water, food, medication, linen and personal hygiene supply stores have been stocked. Facilities are providing updates to their

staff on weather forecasting and have communicated the potential need for staff to remain at the facility and shelter in place, including professional and administrative staff, to support these efforts. There are no unmet needs at this time.

Texas Military Department (TMD) – Currently supporting the state with SOC support personnel and SOC Logistics Section Support; Military District Coordinators (MDCs) have been assigned for DDC's 17, 18B and 21. The Air Operations Center (AOC) and a Ground Transportation Company are active. A total of 87 personnel and 21 High Profile Vehicles (HPVs) are on state active duty.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) – Game Wardens and State Park Police have activated personnel and equipment to deploy to the potential tropical storm. Currently, TPWD SAR Boat squads are relocating to Houston and South Texas where they will stage until the storm makes land fall.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – DSHS Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) resources are standing by for mission requests to support potential flooding in South Texas. Resources from EMTF 6, 8 & 11 have been rostered in their respective regions and have been activated or mobilized, but have yet to be deployed. RHMOCC (Regional Health Medical Operations Center) has deployed an ESF-8 LNO to DDC 21. DSHS is working to provide vaccines to first responders being staged at Choke Canyon State Park. Vaccines were enroute with expected availability at 7:00 PM Friday, September 14, 2018.

American Red Cross (ARC) – Staffing positions in the SOC, FEMA Region VI RRCC, DDC 17 EOC and DDC 21 EOC. Fourteen shelter teams activated in multiple locations along the gulf coast and four emergency response vehicles (ERV) rostered with teams on standby to deploy. The Family Reunification Safe and Well website has been activated. Affected residents looking for loved ones or want to let loved ones know they are ok, can register on the American Red Cross website <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

Feeding Texas – The food banks that service the Texas Gulf Coast Region are actively communicating with their agencies and making family food boxes. The seven food banks have family food boxes and water ready for distribution.

The Salvation Army (TSA) – TSA is actively coordinating with the local emergency management community for any unmet needs.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Status	Resource Location
ARC	Emergency Response Vehicles	4	Activated	Central Texas and Gulf Coast
ARC	Ready Active Shelter	14	Activated	Multiple Locations Along the Gulf Coast.
DFPS	DFPS SOC Liaison	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
DSHS	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	2	Activated	Rostered in Region
DSHS	AMBUS	5	Activated	Rostered in Region
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Teams (AST)	5	Activated	Rostered in Region
DSHS	Mobile Medical Units Type I/III	2	Activated	Rostered in Region

	(MMU)			
DSHS	Ambulance Staging Management Teams, Type IV (ASMT)	2	Activated	Rostered in Region
GLO	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
HHSC	SOC Liaisons	4	Assigned	SOC/Austin
HHSC	211 Liaisons	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
OAG	SOC Support	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
PUC	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TCEQ	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TDA	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TDCJ	SOC Support	4	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TAHC	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TAHC	DDC Liaison	2	Assigned	DDC21 Weslaco
TAHC	DDC Liaison	1	Available	DDC16 Houston
TAHC	DDC Liaison	1	Available	DDC19 Laredo
TAHC	DDC Liaison	1	Available	DDC20 Corpus Christi
TAHC	Local Liaison	18	Available	TAHC Laredo, Beeville & Rockdale Regions
TDHCA	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS	DDC Support	1	Assigned	DDC 17 Victoria
TFS	DDC Support	1	Assigned	DDC 16B Texas City
TFS	DDC Support	1	Assigned	DDC 21 Weslaco
TFS	DDC Support	4	En-Route	DDC 21 Weslaco
TFS	SOC Support	3	Assigned	SOC/Austin
THP	SOC Liaison	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
THP	Tactical Marine Unit (Personnel)	38	Available	Various Locations
THP	Tactical Marine Unit (Equipment)	12	Available	Various Locations
THP	Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	12	Released	Various Locations
TMD	SOC Support	3	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	MEAL Support Logistics Section	3	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	MDC 18B	1	Activated	San Antonio ARCC
TMD	TMD Logistics Section Support	3	Activated	SOC/Austin
TMD	Ground Transportation Company	60	En-Route	RGV Area
TMD	Military District Coordinator (MDC) 17	1	Activated	Victoria Area
TMD	MDC 21	1	Activated	McAllen
TMD	Air Operations Center (AOC)	15	Activated	Camp Mabry/Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Strike Team's (Equipment)	68	Activated	Choke Canyon Reservoir
TPWD	Strike Team (Personnel)	56	Activated	Choke Canyon Reservoir
TPWD	Airbus 350 helicopter (Equipment)	1	Activated	Austin (DPS TFO Assigned)
TPWD	Airbus 350 helicopter (Personnel)	3	Activated	Austin (DPS TFO Assigned)
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Equipment)	5	Activated	Aransas and McMullen Counties
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Personnel)	15	Activated	Aransas and McMullen Counties
TPWD	SPP Boat Squads (Equipment)	2	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	SPP Boat Squads (Personnel)	4	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	SPP Air Boats (Equipment)	2	Activated	Mobilized

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TPWD	SPP SW Boats (Equipment)	4	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	SPP SW Boats (Personnel)	4	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	DDC Liaisons	2	Assigned	DDC 17 Victoria and 21 Weslaco
TSA	Mobile Feeding Units	7	Standby	Various
TWC	Employment/Unemployment Information/Processing	1	Standby	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Support	3	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TxDOT	Water Barrier	1	Activated	Pharr
TxDOT	Five Debris Strike Teams	99	Activated	San Antonio
TX-TF1	SOC Liaisons	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TX-TF1	SWR Boats (Personnel)	51	En-Route	Statewide
TX-TF1	SWR Boats (Equipment)	16	En-Route	Statewide

Port Status: As of 6:00 AM, Friday September 14, 2018 all Texas Ports are open.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Corpus Christi – Ports of Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Victoria are in set Port Condition X-Ray which begins planning for preventive measures in advance of a storm. Traffic control measures significantly limiting vessel movement and activities will be imposed if gale force winds are within 24 hours of the port

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Houston/Galveston – No change, open to normal traffic.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Port Arthur – Calhoun Port Authority has restrictions due to recovery operations from a previous event. Port of Orange has a 23' draft restriction.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at readiness Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) as of 7:00 AM on September 13, 2018. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>.

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